

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Fasano) recommended the following:

## Senate Amendment

Delete lines 189 - 252

and insert:

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11 12 benefits and minimum standards set forth in this chapter, the board of trustees of the pension plan, as approved by a majority of firefighters, or firefighters and police officers, of the municipality or fire control district, may:

(a) Place the income from the premium tax in s. 175.101 in such pension plan for the sole and exclusive use of its firefighters, or for firefighters and police officers if, where included, where it shall become an integral part of that pension 13

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plan and shall be used to pay extra benefits to the firefighters, or firefighters and police officers, included in that pension plan; or

- (b) Place the income from the premium tax in s. 175.101 in a separate supplemental plan to pay extra benefits to firefighters, or to firefighters and police officers if where included, participating in such separate supplemental plan.
- (2) The premium tax provided by this chapter shall in all cases be used in its entirety to provide retirement extra benefits to firefighters, or to firefighters and police officers if, where included. However, local law plans in effect on October 1, 1998, must shall be required to comply with the minimum benefit provisions of this chapter only to the extent that additional premium tax revenues become available to incrementally fund the cost of such compliance as provided in s. 175.162(2)(a). If When a plan is in compliance with such minimum benefit provisions, as subsequent additional premium tax revenues become available, they must shall be used to provide extra benefits, except as provided in subsection (1). For the purpose of this chapter, "additional premium tax revenues" means revenues received by a municipality or special fire control district pursuant to s. 175.121 which exceed that amount received for calendar year 1997, and the term "extra benefits" means benefits in addition to or greater than those provided to general employees of the municipality and in addition to those in existence for firefighters on March 12, 1999. Local law plans created by special act before May 23, 1939, shall be deemed to comply with this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the section, if less than 80 percent of the plan's actuarial

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accrued liability is fully funded as of March 1, 2011, 50 percent of the accumulated excess premium tax revenues which are not being used to fund the adjusted base amount or extra benefits may be used one time only to pay the unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities of the plan; however, such one-time use must occur on or before September 30, 2011.